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ON NOVEMBER 23, KNOWLEDGEABLE IRANIAN MILITARY OFFICER GAVE
US FOLLOWING RUNDOWN ON DHOFAR OPERATIONS:

A. SHIRISHITTI CAVE AREA HAS BEEN SECURED AND IS UNDER
CONTROL OF IRANIAN FORCES. UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF POWS WERE
TAKEN DURING OPERATION AND LARGE AMOUNTS OF AMMUNITION AND
WEAPONS CAPTURED.

B. A RIDGE WEST OF SHIRISHITTI AREA HAS BEEN SURROUNDED
BY IRANIAN AND OMANI FORCES. APPROXIMATELY 400 REBELS ARE
BELIEVED TO BE IN THIS AREA. AREA IS THOUGHT TO BE LAST
REBEL STRONGHOLD THIS SIDE OF BORDER AND CONSIDERATION IS
BEING GIVEN TO USE OF NAPALM AND NAVAL BOMBARDMENT AS
PART OF OPERATION AGAINST RIDGE.

C. IRANIAN FORCES AT THEIR CLOSEST POINT HAVE REACHED
15 KILOMETERS FROM PDRY BORDER. WHEN HOLDING LINE IS
ESTABLISHED ALONG BORDER, OMANI FORCES, NOT IRANIAN FORCES,

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WILL BE USED TO MAINTAIN POSITION.

D. AIR STRIKE WAS CONDUCTED ACROSS BORDER BY OMANI PLANES ON NOVEMBER 29 TO SILENCE NEWLY ARRIVED PDRY ARTILLERY. THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER SHELLING SINCE STRIKE.

E. CAPTURED REBELS HAVE STATED THAT IRANIAN NAVAL BOMBARDMENT RESULTED IN APPROXIMATELY 100 ENEMY LOSSES. IRANIANS CONCLUDE THAT OPERATION WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL.

F. IRANIAN LOSSES SINCE EARLY NOVEMBER (REFTEL) HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY LIGHT AND OPERATION DURING RECENT WEEKS HAS BEEN VERY FAST MOVING. IRANIANS FEEL THAT FIGHTING IS IN ITS LAST STAGES WITH ONLY MINOR MOP-UP ACTIONS REMAINING.

G. SOME THOUGHT IS BEING GIVEN BY IRANIAN MILITARY LEADERSHIP TO WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO IRANIAN FORCES AFTER CONCLUSION OF PRESENT FIGHTING. OPTIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION ARE: MAINTAINING FORCES IN PLACE, WITHDRAWAL OF A PORTION OF IRANIAN FORCES, AND COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL. OUR SOURCE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT LAST OPTION WAS VIABLE IN SHORT TERM.
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